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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NM, BC
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: LOCATION OF SADF RESIDUAL FORCES

REF: (A) GABORONE 1800, (B) DARESSALAAM 2501, (C) LUSAKA 2078

1. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS JUNE 13 AND 14, EXTAFF PERMSEC
MPOTOKWANE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY MOGAMI, WHO BOTH
ATTENDED LUANDA FRONTLINE MEETING, TOLD EMBOFF THAT RELO-
CATION OF RESIDUAL SADF TROOPS TO BASES "SOUTH OF WINDHOEK"
MIGHT NOT BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SWAPO AND
FRONTLINE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL. ACCORDING
TO BOTH MPOTOKWANE AND MOGAMI, FRONTLINE AND SWAPO STILL
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MIGHT SETTLE FOR SOME OTHER MECHANISM TO ENSURE NEU-
TRALIZATION OF RESIDUAL SADF TROOPS IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA.

2. COMMENT: STATEMENTS BY MPOTOKWANE AND MOGAMI SUGGEST
THAT FRONTLINE/SWAPO POSITION ON LOCATION OF RESIDUAL
SADF TROOPS MAY BE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE THAN POSITION
OUTLINED BY NYERERE AT HIS BRIEFING OF DAR CONTACT

GROUP (REF B). WHILE APPROACH TO SAG SUGGESTING RELOCATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS "SOUTH OF WINDHOEK" MIGHT HAVE TO BE MADE, CONTACT GROUP MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER OTHER METHODS FOR REASSURING FRONTLINE/SWAPO ON THIS POINT. MPOTOKWANE AND MOGAMI IMPLY THAT ASSURANCES THAT UN FORCE WOULD CLEARLY NEUTRALIZE RESIDUAL SADF CONTINGENT IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA MIGHT DO THE TRICK. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO/FRONTLINE CONCERNING PROJECTED SIZE OF UN FORCE. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD REQUIRE DISCUSSION OF UN FORCE NUMBERS WHICH WE HAVE HITHERTO AVOIDED, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO REOPENING DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG ON LOCATION OF RESIDUAL FORCE.

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